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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Singapore Management University's Pioneer Cohort of Masters Students Graduates**

Singapore Management University's (SMU) pioneer batch of Master of Science in Applied Finance students graduated in June 2003. All 21 students, who had enrolled in January 2002, completed the programme and attended the graduation ceremony last week.

"We're very proud to graduate our first batch of Masters' students," says Teaching Associate Professor Benedict Koh, Director of Master of Science in Applied Finance Programme. "Getting admitted into the programme was tough enough, given the intense competition for places, not to mention completing the rigorous and intensive programme in 18 months. The students came to us with varied backgrounds, such as engineering and science, but through this programme, have emerged as competent financial and investment professionals."

The curriculum is designed not only to fulfil the coursework demand of an MSc degree in Applied Finance, but also allows individuals who are pursuing their CFA qualifications to meet the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) examination requirements. The programme offers a comprehensive range of courses and electives, such as Corporate Finance, Financial Risk Management, Hedge Funds, e-Commerce & Finance and Corporate Strategy & Financial Performance.

Led by qualified SMU faculty and industry professionals, the programme duration comprises three terms of 18 weeks each. Graduates must complete 16 compulsory core courses (2 credits each) and 2 elective courses (4 credits each) to meet the 40-credit requirement of the MSc degree. Admission requirements are a good bachelor's degree, a good GMAT score and at least 2 years working experience (preferred).

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